



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND CLAIMS BOARD

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-2713

### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Curtis Morris  
City Council Member  
Mark R. Alexander  
City Manager  
Margaret Finlay  
City Council Member  
Doug Prichard  
City Manager  
Mark Waronek  
City Council Member  
Michael J. Egan  
City Administrator  
Sam Olivito  
California Contract  
Cities Association

### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board will hold its Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in the City of Norwalk, Community Meeting Center, Sproul Room, 13200 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, California 90650

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order.
2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.
3. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

There are no settlement proposals for this meeting.

4. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)
  - a. Gabriel F., et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Lancaster Superior Court Case No. MC 024306

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations and failure to properly investigate and report abuse.

- b. Claim of Gerardo Felix  
File Claim No. 14-1114100\*001

This claim concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

- c. Louise Olin v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 551857

This lawsuit concerns allegations of vehicular negligence by a Sheriff's Deputy.

- d. Elia Torres, et al. v. County of Los Angeles  
Lancaster Superior Court Case No. MC 024624

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

- e. Alexander Vago v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court No. CV 13-00868

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations and false arrest by Sheriff's Deputies.

- 5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.
- 6. Approval of Minutes for the November 18, 2015, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.

See Supporting Document

- 7. Items not on the posted agenda, to be referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a further meeting of the Board, or matters requiring immediate action because of emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda.
- 8. Other Business
- 9. Adjournment

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
CONTRACT CITIES LIABILITY TRUST FUND  
CLAIMS BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

November 18, 2015

**1. Call to Order**

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board was called to order by Curtis Morris at 11:12 a.m. The meeting was held in the Community Center, Sproul Room, 13200 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Present at the meeting were **Claims Board Members:** Curtis Morris, Chair, San Dimas, Region III; Mark Alexander, La Canada Flintridge, Region I; Michael Egan, Norwalk, Region III; Margaret Finlay, Duarte, Region I; Doug Prichard, Rolling Hills Estates, Region II; Mark Waronek, City of Lomita, Region II; **Alternates:** David Spence, La Canada Flintridge, Region I; Cheri Kelley, Norwalk, Region III; **County of Los Angeles Staff:** Jennifer Lehman, Assistant County Counsel; Ruben Baeza, Jr., Assistant County Counsel; Ernie Romo, Risk Management, Chief Executive Office; Scott Johnson, Civil Litigation Unit, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Michael Stuver, Civil Litigation Unit, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Chris Deacon, Civil Litigation Unit, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Brant Frederickson, Civil Litigation Unit, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Karen Bartak, Bedford Falls Insurance Services; John La Salle, Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc.; **Third Party Administrator for the County of Los Angeles:** Sylvia Hernandez, Claims, Carl Warren & Company; **California JPIA:** Jonathan Shull, Chief Executive Officer; Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager; Jennifer Fullerton, Administrative Analyst.

**2. Public Comment**

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to address the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board. No members of the public addressed the Board.

At 11:13 a.m., the Chair adjourned the County of Los Angeles Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board into Closed Session.

**3. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation  
(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- a. R.B., et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. CV 14-06637

This lawsuit concerns allegations of wrongful death and excessive force by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$90,000.

Vote: Ayes: 6 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, and Mark Waronek

Absent: Sam Olivito

- b. Justin Smith v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Compton Superior Court Case No. TC 027644

This lawsuit concerns allegations of assault and battery, and false arrest by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$499,999.

Vote: Ayes: 6 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, and Mark Waronek

Absent: Sam Olivito

**4. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation  
(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)**

- a. Richard Alvarez v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 518466

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations and false imprisonment by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- b. Kevin Cronin v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 525995

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- c. Timonty & Yolanda Paynter v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Lancaster Superior Court Case No. MC 024475

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

- d. Oscar Ramirez v. County of Los Angeles  
United States District Court Case No. 2:15-CV-03062

This lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force by Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

No reportable action taken.

**5. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.**

The meeting was reconvened into public session at 11:55 a.m. No action was taken in Closed Session which required a public report pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1.

**6. Approval of the Minutes for October 14, 2015, meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 6 -- Curtis Morris, Mark Alexander, Michael Egan, Margaret Finlay, Doug Prichard, and Mark Waronek

Absent: Sam Olivito

**7. Items Not on the Posted Agenda, to be Referred to Staff or Placed on the Agenda for Action at a Further Meeting of the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board, or Matters Requiring Immediate Action Because of Emergency Situation or Where the Need to Take Immediate Action Came to the Attention of the Board Subsequent to the Posting of the Agenda**

None

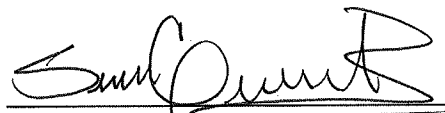
**8. Other Business**

None

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

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SANDRA C. RUIZ